

**189—16.1(533) Spin-offs.** A spin-off occurs during a merger process when, by agreement of the parties to the merger, a portion of the field of membership, assets, liabilities, shares, and capital of one credit union is transferred to another credit union. A spin-off of a well-defined segment or branch of a credit union's membership to another credit union is an option undertaken to benefit the members of both credit unions. This process may occur with the physical transfer of one or more branches from one credit union to another credit union, but less than a complete merger of the two credit unions occurs. A spin-off is unique in that one credit union has a field of membership expansion and the other loses a portion of its field of membership.

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